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**QUOTE FROM MAYOR SHARPE JAMES
ON HUDSON-RARITAN ESTUARY**

"The Passaic River is a beautiful river that is one of the few in the region to maintain its natural course. The Passaic River is also a historic waterway, as it is the route that Captain Robert Treat and his band of Puritan settlers sailed when they founded Newark in 1666. Unfortunately, the Passaic has not maintained its pristine characteristic over the years, creating environmental hazards.

"However, this administration is determined to protect the environment and provide its residents and visitors with a clean and safe riverfront. With our partners in the federal, state, and private sectors, we have embarked on a \$75 million restoration of the Passaic, with the Joseph G. Minish Historic Passaic Riverfront Park. This park will return the great Passaic River to the people and restore wetlands. As we continue this project, we will also continue to clean up our city's rivers. Working together, we will give our people back this great river.

The Passaic River's neighbors also have an obligation to maintain and improve this body of water, and we call upon our neighboring communities and organizations to do their share in reducing pollution and improving the environment.

"Finally, I salute the New York/New Jersey Baykeeper for his efforts to save the Passaic River's environment."